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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL KNULAK

**SUBJECT: Probable Reactions to Various Courses of
Action with Respect to North Vietnam**

1. The attached memorandum represents the best judgment of the Board of National Estimates respecting North Vietnamese and international reactions to certain possible courses of action.

2. Because of the short deadline there has not been time to get this paper approved by either the Director or Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. Therefore it does not as yet represent a formal CIA view.

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES:

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